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Opening of a dispensary at Attur, Salem district.

* 634 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) why no provision has hitherto been made either by the Government or the Local Fund authorities for a hospital or dispensary in the taluk of Attur, Salem district;

(b) why there has been no Lady Medical Officer attached to any of the hospitals and dispensaries maintained by Government or by the local and municipal authorities in the district of Salem as a whole; and

(c) why no provision has been made hitherto for affording medical treatment and attendance to the women, and especially gosha ladies and children in Salem town, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Tiruchengodu, Namakkal, Harur, Hosur, Omalur, Yercaud, Denkerikota, Palakadi, Sankari, Kaveripatnam, Sendamangalam and such other centres in the Salem district which are largely populated by the Muslim community?

A.—(a) There is a Government hospital at Attur.

(b) Two lady medical officers are employed in the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Salem. The question of employing lady medical officers in other Government institutions is under consideration. As regards the appointment of lady doctors in medical institutions maintained by local bodies, it is for the local bodies themselves to take the initiative.

(c) There are medical institutions in all the stations mentioned in the question and they are open to all communities. The Government will be glad to consider any suggestions for increasing the existing provision.

Eligibility of Licensed Indian Medical Graduates for appointment as Medical practitioners.

* 635 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Licenced Indian Medical Graduates are qualified for appointment as medical practitioners;

(b) if they are, whether the Government propose to remove the restriction that the medical practitioners to be appointed for rural dispensaries by local boards should be only licensed medical practitioners; and

(c) whether the Government propose to give liberty to local boards to appoint qualified medical practitioners to rural dispensaries in consultation with the adviser to the Government on Indian Medicine, and not necessarily with that of the District Medical Officers who are allopathic doctors?

A.—(a) Yes, in institutions where Indian systems of medicine are practised.

(b) The matter is already engaging the attention of the Government.

(c) This question will arise only when that referred to in clause (b) has been decided.